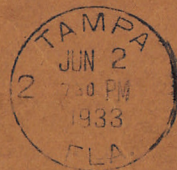


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Beloved Adhyapya:

In my last talk with you, I told you that we would discuss further the Good Angel and the Evil Angel which stand at the side of Man. In times of dire distress, when we have our backs to the wall and we are fighting for more than our Physical lives, a Voice makes itself heard, the Voice of the Bright Angel. I have never known this to occur when a man or a woman was fighting simply for Physical life. To those who see beyond the Veil, Death is no very great Evil, but in the times of Spiritual crisis, when the very Self is being swept away, then it is that the Cry of the Soul is heard, and "Something" manifests out of the Mists of the Unseen, manifests in a form comprehensible to the one who calls. Whether intense stress induces a temporary expansion of Consciousness, or whether a Being, of its own volition, passes thru the Veil and manifests is debatable. There are never many details available of these incidents, they take place only in times of dire stress, and go as quickly as they came, leaving no trace except upon the Soul. But you will learn that even as the Lower Self can rise up in moments of temptation, so can the Higher Self descend in moments of Spiritual crisis. It is the aim of the Mystic to live almost exclusively in the Higher Self, it is the aim of the Occultist to bring this Higher Self thru into Manifestation in brain Consciousness. Just as truly as the Lower Self can rise up and perhaps betray us into some deed which we regret, so can the Higher Self come to the rescue, "terrible as an Army with banners."

The Occultist does not ignore the Christ-Force, however, he recognizes it as among the Hierarchies of Supreme Forces of the Universe, altho he may not be prepared to assign it the exclusive position which it occupies in the heart of the Christian Mystic. In the Western Traditions it is symbolized by Tiphareth, the central Sephira of the Ten Holy Sephiroth of the Cabalistic Tree of Life. The Christ-Force is the equilibrating, compensating, healing, redeeming, purifying factor of the Universe. It should be invoked in every Operation of Psychic Self-Defense, where any Human Element, incarnate or discarnate, is concerned. Where Non-Human Elements, such as Elementals, Thought-Forms, or the Demons have to be dealt with, it is the Power of God, the Father, as the Creator of the Universe, that is invoked, His Supremacy over all of the Kingdoms of Nature, visible and invisible, being affirmed and asserted, as you will note in the formulae I have given you. God, the Holy Ghost, or the Holy Spirit, is the Force that is invoked in Initiation, and it should not be invoked during times of Psychic difficulty, as its influence will tend to intensify the condition and render the Veil thinner.

Now, in discussing these things in the series of Lectures we have had on the Pathologies of the Mystic Life, I am giving them to you as a serious contribution to a little understood Aspect of Abnormal Psychology. I don't want you to misunderstand, it certainly is not well that everybody should indulge, for instance, in Textbooks of Pathology. A vivid Imagination and a weakly trained Mind are a disastrous combination. You remember that one-time best seller, "Three Men in a Boat," you remember the fate of the individual who spent a wet Sunday afternoon reading a Medical Textbook. At the finish, he was firmly convinced that he had every disease described therein, with the single exception of "Housemaid's Knee." But it is necessary that we consider the outward and visible signs of Psychic Attack before we are in a position to analyze the Nature of such Attack and indicate its Source of Origin, for it is always a fundamental rule that Diagnosis must precede Treatment.

There are many different kinds of Psychic Attack and the Methods that will dispose of one will be ineffectual against the others.

A prominent form of Psychic Attack is that which proceeds from the ignorant and maglignant mind of our fellow Human Beings. We say ignorant as well as maglignant, for all Attacks are not deliberately motivated, the injury may be as accidental as that inflicted by a skidding automobile. This must always be borne in mind and we must not impute malice or wickedness as a matter of course when we feel we are being victimized. Our persecutor may himself be a victim. We would not accuse a man of malice if we had linked hands with him and he had stepped on a live wire, but nevertheless we would receive at his hands a severe shock. So, many times, it is in Psychic Attack. More commonly, however, if there is a definite Psychic Attack of sufficient Force to make itself noticeable, there will begin to appear characteristic dreams - these may include a sense of weight upon the chest, as if someone were kneeling on the sleeper; a sense of fear and oppression is very characteristic of Occult Attack, and one of the surest signs that herald it. It is extremely rare for Attack to make itself manifest "out of the blue," as it were.

We are not in our normal state of mind, body, and circumstance, and then we find ourselves suddenly in the midst of an invisible battle; an approaching Occult Influence casts its shadow on Consciousness before it makes itself apparent to the non-Psychic. The reason for this is that we perceive Subconsciously before we realize Consciously, and a line of creeping shade indicates the penetrating of the Subconscious Censor from below upward. As the Attack progresses, nervous exhaustion becomes increasingly marked and there may, under certain conditions, be a real wasting of tissues, altho no definite disease can be demonstrated. Nervous exhaustion and Mental breakdown are the commoner results of Astral Attack, in the Western World at any rate, and there are many other indications depending upon the Form. But these will suffice, and I am sure that you will be able to diagnose them at any time, should you be brought into Contact with them, so that you can use the proper formula which I have given you.

Of course, it is upon the Mundane Plane that a great deal of the Power of Mind is utilized, for the purpose of personal gain. These Forms are very much more common than those cases where the Operators use Psychic Astral Attack. You may not notice these subtle insinuations until your attention is called to them, but when once you begin to think about it, analyze and study it, then you will see the subtle way in which some of these Attacks are conducted. One well-known Occult Organization has scattered thru its articles, and frequently in its lectures, a brief line or two asking the student not to sever his association, and saying that someday or other it seems as if Harm always came to those who resigned, and that the only safe way was to keep up the association by retaining the membership. Such a subtle suggestion as this, repeated from time to time, has an effect upon the Subconscious Mind, engendering Fear - Fear of the Unknown - and is, in effect, a type of Black Magic along the lines of Mental Control.

You have all seen, and probably felt, something of the effects of the Chain-letter which was so popular a few years ago. You received a communication and were told to copy it and send six copies to friends within six or seven days; there was the promise of a blessing, and of some Good Thing happening to you, if you did so; and usually the threat that he who broke the Chain brought dire consequences upon himself. You can very easily see how one hundred such letters, or one thousand, sent out to one hundred or one thousand students, and sent by each of them to six friends, and sent by the six friends to six more, would run the total up into hundreds of thousands who were contacted for the purpose of Publicity and of making them familiar with the Organization

back of it. Such a letter is frequently used by Occult Organizations because they know the Power of Mind and of Subtile Suggestion, and they know that it requires Courage for the average person to break the Chain.

Another way in which the Power of Mind is used commercially is illustrated by the paragraphs I am giving you which are copied from a circular recently sent out.

THE MAGIC ENVELOPE!

WHY MAGIC? Because you DID SOMETHING recently which showed me that you want something, and this little envelope AND ITS CONTENTS are going to help you get what you want -- maybe without a penny of expense to you. Please do not look inside the envelope yet, but others just like you, with the very same problems, did what you will be asked to do when you look inside the envelope in a minute -- and --

NOW FOR THE BIG SURPRISE!

Mail your MAGIC ENVELOPE to me and I will send you, without charge, my first set of explanations and instructions, together with a lot of intensely interesting and helpful information. One man who had finished a \$40.00 course of lessons in Applied Psychology insisted that he received more real, practical help from these free instructions than he did from the other ENTIRE COURSE. In my work I make the Laws of Applied Psychology so simple and clear that another man wrote, "ANY REALLY INTELLIGENT CHILD OF 12 COULD UNDERSTAND AND DO WHAT YOU DIRECT." Uneducated beginners will find it clear and simple. ----

Begin self-protection now by being on your guard against all such attempts to influence you. Then watch for subtile propaganda in News items, in Magazine articles, etc., and realize how great influences mold Public Opinion in such ways. Learn not to accept blindly but to dig out Truth, or if that is not possible, accept it with a qualification, and thus not bias judgment by accepted facts that are not facts but merely influence - influence exerted to mold your ideas for a purpose - merely Mind Powers, used and recognized as a means to persuade you to buy or to believe.

In the order of their frequency you must watch for these Mental Influences, first, with the Psychic Attacks second, for it is only once in awhile that you contact some Occult Teacher or Student who deliberately uses the Psychic Planes as a means of deliberate Attack - more frequently they merely threaten, thus accomplishing their work thru the subtile Forms of Fear which, when planted, begin to prey upon your Peace of Mind. Still less frequently will an Unconscious Rapport be made with the Lower Life of the Inner Worlds, resulting in anything more than rappings or crackling sounds. When, however, Manifestation begins to manifest as furniture moving about, dishes being dashed to the floor, or odors noticed, then it is time to act.

In the Bonds of the Eternal Brotherhood,

Sri Dayananda,

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